



BLOMBERG

Die Nelkenstadt





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www.blomberg-die-nelkenstadt.de





Welcome

The pretty small town of Blomberg, with approximately 15,000 inhabitants, is situated in the Lippe region between the Teutoburg Forest and the Weser Hills. The area is characterized by forests and gentle hills, and it is one of the most historically significant regions in North Rhine-Westphalia.

Blomberg was founded around 1250 by Bernhard III at a strategically important location between two trade routes. Today, you still enter the historic town center through the so-called "Niederntor," the only preserved old town gate in the Lippe region. The city centre includes over 250 timbered houses and sights like the medieval castle and the impressive town hall.

Blomberg is ideal for outdoor holidays thanks to its scenic landscape of rolling hills and its well-developed network of hiking and riding trails. You can also visit nearby areas like the Weser Hills, Hameln or Bad Pyrmont, as well as other regional attractions such as the Hermannsdenkmal, the Externsteine, or the open-air historical museum.

Blomberg is composed of eighteen villages, each of them with its own traditions and sights. The town also has a very active cultural life with events during the whole year.

By the way: Until today Blomberg's byname is »Nelkenstadt« (carnations' town or pinks' town) which alludes to a former carnation and pink breeding and important horticulture. This made Blomberg quite famous in the 19th century due to its horticultural importance.



Our Carnation Queen, Sabine, warmly welcomes you.

Learn more here about the historical carnation cultivation.





Sights

The Town Hall

At the heart of the town, directly on the marketplace, you'll find one of the most impressive buildings from the Weser Renaissance period. The town hall, built in 1587, stands out with its distinctive architecture: a stone ground floor and a timbered upper level.



The Pillory

On the left side of the town hall you can find the pillory. Since the Middle Age, the pillory was used to punish people. They were attached to the pillory and publicly disgraced. The old pillory was replaced in 1616 by the current one.





Sights

The Alheyd-Fountain

The Alheyd Fountain in the marketplace tells the story of a poor woman in 1460. During the week after Easter, she stole altar bread from the Martinikirche (St. Martin's Church). Fearing revelation and punishment, she threw the bread into a well. Despite her efforts, she was caught, interrogated, and tortured in the old castle's cellar before being condemned and burned. The well later gained a reputation for miracles, and the Klosterkirche (Monastery Church) was built over it.



The Martiniturm and District Court

Next to the marketplace stands the "Martiniturm," the tower of the original St. Martin Church, built in the 13th century. The church was destroyed during a regional conflict in 1447, known as the Soest Feud, with only the tower surviving the fire. The church was later rebuilt but was demolished again in 1833. The district court was then built on the same site. Today, the former court building houses various divisions of the town's administration. Together with parts of the old castle and the city wall, the Martiniturm is one of Blomberg's oldest buildings.





Sights

Blomberg Castle

Blomberg Castle dates back to the 13th century, with some of its stone structure and ring wall likely from that period. In the Middle Ages, the castle served as the preferred residence of the Counts of Lippe. After being destroyed in 1447 during the Soest Feud, the castle was rebuilt, restored, and expanded. The impressive North and East wings, which gave the castle its Renaissance character, were added between 1560 and 1569. Until the 19th century, the castle also housed the regional administration of Blomberg.



The Niederntor (Lower Gate)

The Niederntor was likely built in the 14th century at the lowest point of the town, serving as the southern entrance to Blomberg. The gate was part of the town's stone wall and marked the entry point of the trading route Kölnische Landstraße, which was part of the Hellweg, connecting Dortmund, Paderborn and Horn. The gate's Renaissance design includes key-shaped shooting holes and bullet marks from around 1530. The clock de the gate was added in 1844. The Niederntor is the only remaining historical gate in the Lippe region.





Sights

The Klosterkirche (Monastery Church)

The Klosterkirche's origins trace back to the sacrilege of altar bread in 1460. A well into which the stolen bread was thrown, became a site of miracles, attracting many pilgrims. In 1468, Bernhard VII of Lippe invited Augustinian monks to Blomberg to care for the growing number of pilgrims. A chapel was built over the well in 1462, later expanded into the church we see today. The Klosterkirche became the spiritual center of Lippe, housing the tombs of the Lippe dynasty. After the demolition of the St. Martin Church in 1833, the Klosterkirche became the Protestant church of the town.



The Tomb

In the choir of the Klosterkirche you can see the tomb of Bernhard VII of Lippe and of his wife Anna from Holstein-Schaumburg. This is the most outstanding artwork in the church. It is made of fine sand stone and its creation is attributed to the famous Westphalian sculptor Heinrich Brabender. It has been built after the death of Bernhard in 1511.





Sights

The Altes Amtshaus (Old Bailiff's House)

Built in 1572, the Altes Amtshaus was originally part of Blomberg Castle. It served as the entrance building to the castle and the residence of the local lord's representative. Located near the castle garden and the "Schweigegarten," its richly decorated facade reflects the importance of its inhabitants during that time.



The Shoe Makers

From the 17th to the 20th century, shoemakers were the largest professional group in Blomberg. You can learn more about the shoemakers and the so-called "Shoemakers' Lantern" in an exhibition at the town library (Kuhstraße 16). For more information, visit: www.heimatverein-blomberg.de.





Sights

Gardens and Parks

Blomberg is home to several green spaces that offer a peaceful retreat. The "Weinberggasse" (Vineyard Lane) hints at Blomberg's past as a vineyard town. Today, you can relax in places like the "Groene Plaats," the castle garden ("Burggarten"), or the "Schweigegarten." From the small tower in the Schweigegarten, you can enjoy stunning views of the fields and villages surrounding Blomberg.



The Carnation Sculptur

Since 2020, a large carnation sculpture greets visitors at the town's entrance, symbolizing Blomberg's historical connection to carnation cultivation. It is said to be the "world's largest carnation." It was created by a local artist: Hans Kordes.

More information about Hans Kordes: www.stahl-zeit.de





Sights

The Bürgerheim

This building was originally a typical pub from the second half of the 19th century. In 1925, it became a meeting place for the Socialist Party, workers, and various cultural associations, offering a venue for less wealthy citizens. However, this activity came to an end in 1929.

During World War II, the building was repurposed. In 1943, the company "Phoenix Klemmen" relocated from the Ruhr area to Blomberg due to bombing raids in Essen. The company started to produce in the Bürgerheim's dance hall and quickly grew. By 1957, the company moved to its own facility, and the Bürgerheim resumed its original role as a bar and restaurant, known for hosting parties for the less wealthy. Today, "Phoenix Contact" is the region's largest employer.





Sights

Der All Electric Society Park

How is energy generated through wind power?

What does the inside of a wind turbine look like?

What happens when the sun shines on solar cells?

And how can electric vehicles be charged using renewable energy sources?

These questions are clearly answered for young and old alike in the park All Electric Society. The All Electric Society represents a scientifically grounded vision of a CO₂-neutral and sustainably developing world. Therefore, the park focuses entirely on renewable energy, including how it is generated, stored, and used efficiently.

The new entrance gate to the corporate headquarters at the beginning of Flachsmarkstraße illustrates how the All Electric Society can become a reality through the energy flow—from generation to conversion, storage, distribution, and optimized energy use. The park is a scaled-down representation of the real world. A distinguishing feature is a solar tree with a diameter of 12 meters located in the roundabout, which always aligns itself at the correct angle to the sun. Visitors to the park can explore approximately 8,000 m² of transparent glass cubes that demonstrate the various steps along the energy flow. Renewable energy generation is represented through the themes of solar and wind energy. The efficient use of this energy is made tangible through examples of electromobility and energy-optimized buildings. Interactive stations invite to participation and exploration.

The grounds are open to the public and can be visited at any time. The cubes are open from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM. There is no cost associated with the visit.

Our city guides offer expert tours through the park. Feel free to contact us at info@blomberg-marketing.de.





Blomberg City Walk

On a stroll through the Carnation City, you will explore our historic old town and discover numerous sights, such as the Town Hall, the Martin Tower, the Niederntor, and much more. This map will guide you along the route.

Through a winding approach at the "Weinberg," you enter the city of Blomberg through the "Niederntor," the only remaining city gate in Lippe. The well-preserved historic city center has been renovated in recent years and today comprehends about 250 half-timbered houses as an impressive testament to history. From the grand merchant houses on Langer Steinweg to the homes of craftsmen and farmers, as well as the small houses of linen weavers and day laborers in the wall alleys, the different living conditions of various population groups in the city are evident.

Following Langer Steinweg, the old main street of Blomberg with its stately gabled houses, you reach the market square with the Town Hall built in 1587. Here begins the historical city tour. The starting point is the Alheyd Fountain in the marketplace, which commemorates the Host Theft of 1460 and the subsequent pilgrimage to the "Blomberg Miracle Fountain."

Parking options: including Pideritplatz (P2), Alte Meierei (P1, Brinkstraße), Diekmannstraße parking deck, and the Am Weinberg parking garage.

Bus lines stop at the Town Hall, and tour buses can park behind the Schießhalle (Alter Dreschplatz).



Historical sight seeing tour





Events

Blomberg offers a wide variety of events throughout the year, from small concerts to large fairs with catering to every taste. Many events still reflect Dutch cultural influence, as Blomberg was a base for the Dutch military until the late 1990s. Today, many Dutch citizens continue to live in Blomberg, and one of the highlights is the Dutch Christmas Market.

Our Highlights

Warrior-Hike (April)

Hike 100 km in one go, uphill, downhill and through the night - what sounds like an unimaginable feat of strength for many is an absolute sporting challenge for true hikers and a reason to look forward to it. You can find more information at: www.warriorhike-lippe.de

Spring market (May)

Local and regional traders offer a wide selection of flowers, handicrafts, organic products, cheese, vegetables, and more. In addition, local retailers open their doors for Sunday shopping.

Nelkenfest with Bloemencorso (June/July)

Blomberg's biannual Carnation Festival celebrates the town's connection to carnations and pinks. Highlights include live music performances in the historical town center, a grand flower parade on Sunday, and the coronation of the new Carnation Queen.





Vier-Abende-Marsch (Four Evenings March) (Juni)

On four consecutive days, hikers, walkers and joggers are sent out on the route around Blomberg. A different route every evening. With so many school classes, it is customary for parents to give their children additional marching provisions on the way to the two official supply points.

You can find more information on the TV Blomberg website (organizer)

The Schützenfest (July)

The „Alte Blomberger Schützenbataillon von 1576“ is one of the oldest and most important associations in Blomberg. With its historical origin (the defence of the town), the association with sub-divisions in different parts of the town and in some of the villages is today responsible for one of the most impressive events in the town centre. Processions and live music, a green and flowery decoration of the old town and many historically inspired highlights make the „Schützenfest“ a very special town party with dancing events until late at night. The Schützenfest is organised every second year in alternation with the Nelkenfest.

More: www.abs-blomberg.de

The Blomberger Kunstmauer (Wall of Art) (August)

This open-air exposition along the old wall of the city with different types of styles and with local and regional artists is unique. You can find catering and live music at various locations.

More: www.kunstmauer-blomberg.de





Events

Blomberger Summer Sounds (August)

Under the title "Blomberg Sommerklänge" the city presents an annual cultural program in cooperation with Blomberg Marketing. The events take place in the Schweigegarten, located next to the castle wall, and feature a wide variety of performances, including readings, comedy, jazz, country, folk, and pop music.

The Wilbaser Markt (September)

The Wilbaser Markt is one of the largest funfairs in the region, featuring approximately 300 market stands and various amusement rides. Held in the fields near Blomberg, this lively event attracts visitors from all over. For more information: www.wilbaser-markt.de.

The Blomberger Songfestival (November)

This two-day event presents local, national, and international singer-songwriters, presenting their latest songs and albums. Previous headliners have included stars like David Knopfler and Ray Wilson (formerly of Genesis), sharing the stage with local talents. For more details: www.songfestival-blomberg.de.

The Sint Nicolaas-Market (first Advent week-end)

During this tiny Christmas market with Dutch flair you can have the chance to meet „Sint Nicolaas“ and his „Pieten“. In small wooden huts you can discover hand made Christmas decoration or Dutch and German specialties like biscuits, cakes and chocolate and of course mulled wine. More: www.sintnicolaas-blomberg.de

The Christmas Concert(Second Advent Sunday)

This Christmas concert in the nicely decorated Klosterkirche has always a very special atmosphere.

Charles Dickens Blomberg (Third Advent week-end)

As the name evokes already, this special Christmas event transports you into the period of the renowned English writer. The nicely decorated lanes, the historical market huts and many people in historically inspired costumes as well as a wide offer of live music and walking acts transform the old town of Blomberg into another world.

More: www.kulturwerkstatt-blomberg.de

You can find a wide choice of events on www.blomberg24.de





Leisure Activities

A Hiking Region

Hiking in and around Blomberg makes you feel the different seasons of the year. Blomberg is on the way of different regional hiking tracks and also has its own hiking track called „Nelkenweg“. You can discover Blomberg's surroundings on 42 km walking through forests and fields and to small villages. Do not hesitate to ask for the special map to follow this trail. It does not need to be done as one long hike, you can also do parts of it which would be around 12 to 18km.

More other tracks and be found on: www.teutonavigator.de



Cycling

Different regional riding trails pass through Blomberg. We have also created a special brochure featuring various trails around Blomberg. Please ask for it at the tourist office.

More trails can be found at: www.teutonavigator.de or in our office in the various flyers.

If you do not have your bike with you—no problem! You can rent an e-bike or an e-cargo bike at the tourist office.

The team is also available for any questions at 05235 5028342.





Leisure Activities

City Tours

Experience around 725 years of city history with us! Our city guides will show you hidden corners and lead you to romantic places.

Regular city walk

Every Saturday from April to the end of October at 11:00 a.m.
Meeting point: Alheyd Fountain. Advance registration is not required.

You can find the entrance prices on our website.

Children under 6 years are free, and there is a reduced rate for ages 6 to 14. The ticket fee is paid directly to the city guide.

In addition to the "Regular City Walk" and our "Night Watchman Tour," we are pleased to offer you the following personalized city tours for groups:

- Individual city walk
- Past and future – The bicycle tour
- Alheyd and the sacrilege of the host
- Guided tour with the Blomberg night watchman
- Torchlight tour including torches
- Church and tower tour
- Timber frame tour
- Mrs. Kommerzienrat Führung
- Visit the Niederntor

We also offer the city tour in English. There is an additional charge for this.

First-graders and third-grade elementary school students receive the tour free of charge once a year from Blomberg Marketing.

Feel free to contact us – we are happy to create a personalized offer for you, either by email at info@blomberg-marketing.de or by phone at 05235 5028342.

We can also provide city tours for people with mobility impairments.





Leisure Activities

Geocaching

Want to discover hidden treasures in Blomberg? Ask at the tourist office for more details on geocaching. If you're already familiar with it, the starting code for Blomberg is N 51°56.647 E 009°05.447. You can also visit the geocache page "Nelkenparadies Blomberg" on your smartphone: www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC5C16D.

Children 's rally

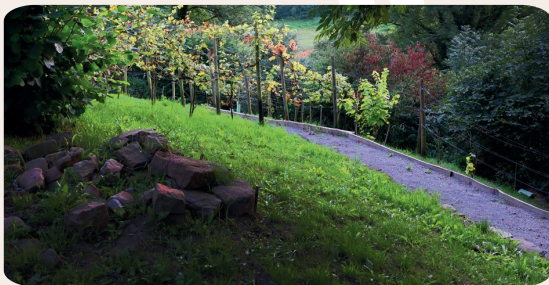
The exciting rally takes the children to some of the most beautiful spots in the historic old town. At several stations, including sights like the Town Hall and the Niederntor, they need to answer questions. Sometimes the answers are easy to find, and other times they require a closer look... In the end, a word must be discovered. Once the answer is found, the children can come to the Tourist Information and pick up a small reward.



The vineyard (Weinberg)

A historical map of the 18th century shows a vineyard in the area below the old town wall from the castle to the Niederntor. This vineyard disappeared later, probably due to climate changes and toll issues. In 2005, a new vineyard was planted on a 100 m² plot with 99 plants.

In cooperation with the winery, this project was intensified and expanded. From the harvested grapes, a Blomberg jelly was made, which can be purchased at the Tourist Information.





Leisure Activities

Hosts (Hotels and Vacation Rentals)

Blomberg is very popular with many tourists due to its central location. Many destinations can be quickly and easily reached from here. The historic old town, with its charming atmosphere, is perfect for a vacation and an overnight stay. Whether you're looking for an individual vacation apartment or house, or a hotel—quiet, cozy, modern, or comfortable—we have options for every preference.

Our Blomberg hosts, both local and from the surrounding areas, look forward to your visit.

You can find an overview of all hosts on our website. The team at the Tourist Information is also happy to send you the accommodation directory.

Motorhome parking spaces

If you travel with a mobile home, you can park at the following address: Schießhalle Blomberg, Alter Dreschplatz, Blomberg



Charging Stations in Blomberg

In Blomberg, several public charging points are available for you. Take advantage of our continuously growing network to conveniently and reliably charge your electric vehicle.

Here you can find the locations of the charging stations.





Leisure Activities

Boules

We have two boules places in the castle's garden. Sets for playing boules are available at the tourist information.

Golf

Blomberg has a park-like golf resort in the village of Cappel (18 holes) which offers challenges for different levels.
www.lippischergolfclub.de

Mini-golf

For children, teenagers and families the mini-golf area guarantees fun and entertainment with 18 different obstacles.
Address: Walkenmühle 12, 32825 Blomberg

Archery

With our Blomberg Archery Group, you can book a trial course for yourself and your group at any time.
For more information, visit: www.blomberg-bogensport.de

Gliding

Blomberg and its surroundings are particularly impressive from above. Why do you not discover the region from a different view?
www.lsg-lippe.de





Leisure Activities

Open-air swimming pool

Blomberg's public swimming pool has a water temperature of 28°C with a surface of approx. 950m². Next to the pool area you can play volleyball.

Address: Wesselweg, 32825 Blomberg



In-door swimming pool

The in-door swimming pool is disinfected with natural salt instead of chlorine. Experience a relaxing atmosphere!

Address: Ulmenallee, 32825 Blomberg

Handball

The women's team of HSG Blomberg-Lippe plays since many years in the German first league. You should not miss to go to a match during your visit! www.hsg-blomberg-lippe.de

Club Life

Around 90 clubs from various sectors: In Blomberg, great importance is traditionally placed on club life. Whether you want to play football, golf, badminton, or tennis, there are corresponding clubs for that, as well as options for those who prefer activities like gymnastics, fitness, and running. The sectors of music and singing, as well as culture, are also well represented.

Additionally, there are options for Blomberg residents who wish to commit themselves to areas related to customs and heritage, advice and assistance, animals, shooting clubs, or within an umbrella organization.

Interested parties can find the relevant contact information in the club database of the city of Blomberg.



Shopping

Restaurants

You will find a good choice of German and international restaurants for example with Italian, Asian, Greek and Austrian cooking.

Shopping

In the city centre you will find nice specialised shops for clothing, decoration articles, books or food - most of them run by the owners themselves.

Blomberger City Voucher

Over 30 Blomberg retailers, service providers, and restaurateurs have joined forces to create this special gift idea. The voucher can be purchased from Blomberg Marketing, Blumenhaus Koch, Katja's Spätschicht, Nelken-Apotheke, and Heutor-Apotheke, and can then be redeemed at one of the participating businesses.

You can be sure:

Your money stays in Blomberg – and that's a good thing!

You can purchase the voucher at our Tourist Information.

Farm shops

- [Hof Meyer-Nordloh](#)
- [Forellen vom Springborn](#)
- [Hofladen Bussemeier](#)
- [Radkehof](#)
- [Obsthof Brunsiek](#)





Directions



For further information and bookings of city tours, our knowledgeable team at the Tourist Information is happy to assist you. Feel free to reach out to us!

By the way: Here you can also find great Blomberg souvenirs as keepsakes of your visit.

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